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TITLE: "Bonded Part and Method for Producing Same"

RESPONSE TO:

NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDE:

Part B- Fee(s) Transmittal (in duplicate) with
Deposit Account Authorization (PTO Account # 07-0475)
Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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FOR: BONDED PART AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING SAME

) Examiner:

) Jackson, Monique R.

) Art Unit: 1773

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Examiner Jackson:

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner's Notice of Allowance dated April 25, 2006 in subject case.

The Examiner's amendment (changing the claim identifiers for Claims 42-45) is acceptable to the Applicant.

Regarding the statement of reasons for allowance, the Applicant agrees with the Examiner's statement, but would respectfully maintain there are additional reasons for allowance as discussed in previous replies to the Examiner, including the following, without limitation. 1) Neither Hosking, Nagel, nor Drake teach "a cured rubber member press fit between and bonded to said first metal member and said second metal member." The term "press fit" implies certain distinguishing structural features. 2) The cited references do not teach the use of "at least two said curatives, each said curative having an activation temperature distinct from the other of said curative" or differing by

at least 5, 15, or 25 degrees centigrade, as recited in claims 24, and 42-45. 3) Other features of various dependent claims which were not specifically discussed may also render such claims further patentably distinct from the cited art.

FEE STATEMENT

Issuance fees are authorized to be charged to Assignee's deposit account number 07-0475.

Respectfully submitted,

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